

Appl. No 10/699,267

Amdt. Dated 8/15/2005

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 2. These two sheets, which include Figs. 1 and 2, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 2. Figures 1 and 2 have been added with a legend

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the respective section headings have been rewritten without underlining and bold type.

Figures 1 and 2 have been added with a legend "Prior Art".

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In claim 4, the phrase "crank-like configured" has been revised to "a crank member".

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The Examiner has pointed out that the present application has been rejected as being unpatentable over Dickie et al (6,070,898), and said that the linkage (consisting of the link arm 130, the roller 132 and the ramp 100) between the wheel brackets and the castor brackets were equivalent to the oscillating assembly of the application in function and similar in construction.

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However, the applicant couldn't agree on this conclusion. With references to Fig. 7 as well as the corresponding specification of Dickie, only when the resilient suspension member 56 rotates upward to a predetermined height, then the rollers 132 can contact and roll up the ramp 100. However, the roller 132 will lose contact with the ramp 100, when the resilient suspension member 56 rotates downward. In other words, the castor 62 doesn't interact with the drive wheel 66 when the resilient suspension member 56 rotates

downward and before rotating upward to contact the roller 132. Nevertheless, the oscillating assembly of the application, as shown in the drawings, is rotatably connected between the castor bracket and the drive wheel bracket, maintaining a continuous interactive effect between the castor and the drive wheel whenever the castor rotates upward or downward. The oscillating assembly also acts as a buffer, it can ease the motion of the drive wheel bracket and the castor bracket, and accordingly the buffer effect of the wheelchair is improved. In addition, since the drive wheel bracket is a crank-like member, it can improve the interactive effect between the drive wheel and the castor. Therefore, it is believed that the application is distinguishable over Dickie.

In addition, this application also has been filed in Great Britain, Belgium and Holland. Although the examiners also cited Dickie as a reference, they didn't reject the application as unpatentable. Copies of search report in these three countries are attached for your reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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